

**NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FIRST BUDGET WORKSHOP – SPECIAL MEETING  
February 3, 2011**

The North Branford Board of Education met on Thursday, February 3, 2011 for their first budget workshop at 5:30 p.m. at the Stanley T. Williams Board of Education Meeting Room. The following members attended:

<b>BOARD CHAIRWOMAN:</b>	<b>MARCEY ONOFRIO</b>
<b>BOARD VICE-CHAIR:</b>	<b>SHANNON MISCIO</b>
<b>BOARD SECRETARY:</b>	<b>DAVID MCMAHON</b>
<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	<b>MARIE DIAMOND</b>
	<b>DR. CHRISTOPHER MANNA</b>
	<b>DEBORAH PRUNIER</b>
<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:</b>	<b>SCOTT SCHOONMAKER</b>
<b>DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS / PERSONNEL:</b>	<b>DONALD WINNICKI</b>

**MOTION:** Moved by David McMahon and seconded by Deborah Prunier to adjourn to Executive session as per Section 1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes as permitted by Section 1-200 (6) (a, b & c) of the Connecticut General Statutes to discuss the Teachers' Contract.

**ALL VOTED AYE**

**MOTION:** Moved by Marie Diamond and seconded by Marcey Onofrio to reconvene to Public session at 5:45 p.m.

**ALL VOTED AYE**

**I. Visitors**

Principals:	Todd Stoeffler, NBHS, interim Alan Davis, NBIS Dr. Kris Lindsay, TVES
Director of Curriculum/Instruction:	Sara Querfeld

Joseph Tenczar	Carter Welch	Rose Angeloni
Mayor Candelora	Tim Hartigan	Susan Misur, Register
Jason Bagley	T.J. McMahon	
Richard Brannigan, Town Manager		

**II. Negotiations**

The Superintendent is recommending the approval of the contract between the North Branford Board of Education and the North Branford Federation of Teachers for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.

**MOTION:** Moved by Deborah Prunier and seconded by Shannon Miscio to approve the contract between the North Branford Board of Education and the North Branford Federation of Teachers for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.

<b>CHARIWOMAN ONOFRIO:</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>VICE-CHAIR MISCIO:</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SECRETARY MCMAHON:</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MARIE DIAMOND:</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>CHRISTOPHER MANNA:</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>DEBORAH PRUNIER:</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

Marcey Onofrio thanked the Negotiations Committee, Donald Winnicki, Superintendent Schoonmaker and the Federations of Teachers' Union for the negotiating of the Teachers' contract stating everyone worked very well together and remarked it wasn't easy to make these tough decisions especially in this economy.

Superintendent Schoonmaker remarked that it was very productive and he thanked Board members and Mayor Candelora who was part of the bargaining unit.

**III. 2011- 2012 Budget Workshop**

Donald Winnicki stated that the original request was for 3.12% increase but due to negotiations our zero-growth budget required a 2.69% increase. The only new request in this budget was for two new teachers at NBHS which raised it to 3.12%. The jobs bill money, which is only available until September 2012, provided an offset of 1.61%, decreasing the net requested to 1.51%.

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He mentioned a few new numbers have come in as Anthem was budgeted for 13.87% but came in at 10.33% which is a savings of \$140,000. The Workers Comp adjustment was budgeted for \$15,000 more than was needed.

Mr. Winnicki remarked that we had one employee withdraw their retirement plans. We are waiting for two more employees retirement decisions. The new net which includes the jobs bill offset is 1.34% or could be as low as 1.1% if the two employees retire.

Shannon Miscio questioned if the Health Care percentage would stay at 10.33 %.

Donald Winnicki stated it could go lower but not higher.

Donald Winnicki included the following information that the Board requested at the last meeting:

Full or extended – day kindergarten	1%
K-5 World Language	.15%
RtI coordinators and paraprofessionals	.45%
Reading Teacher K-5	.25%
Technology education at NBIS	.02%
School resource officer NBHS	.15%

He remarked these positions would come in at \$420,000.

Christopher Manna asked Sara Querfeld what position was most needed in her opinion.

Mrs. Querfeld stated the K-5 reading position. She remarked that it is very important for students to be proficient in their own language before starting another language.

Sara remarked that the World Language program is very important to build students vocabulary and research shows that you should start young to learn another language for the most success. She also stated that although World Language was very worthwhile and important she would support K-5 reading first.

Alan Davis, Todd Stoeffler and Dr. Lindsay also stated they would support K-5 reading.

Donald Winnicki stated that the NBHS track will need repairs in the near future and the reserve fund was submitted for \$60,000. He remarked that the NBHS roof was in need of repairs and the large gym roof would cost \$152,000, the long hall-way \$273,500, and the north corridor \$675,000.

He mentioned that there were seven leaks in the large gym at one time and another three leaks on a different day.

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Superintendent Schoonmaker stated that we are shoveling our roofs at this time and we started with the flat roofs.

Marcey Onofrio questioned when the budget was due to Town Hall.

Donald Winnicki stated the end of February.

Christopher Manna questioned if there were grants out there for windows, boilers, etc.

Donald Winnicki remarked he could look into this but it is his opinion we should look into the power plant or control systems first, especially in the older buildings.

Shannon Miscio asked if we could submit the budget to the Town with a wish list.

Donald Winnicki stated that if an item is going into the Capital Budget it goes by line item.

David McMahon asked about an infra-red scan for our school roofs.

Donald Winnicki stated that Bill Choti has looked into this and it would cost about \$2,400 just for the high school roof.

Deborah Prunier questioned why the track repairs were not included in the athletic budget.

Donald Winnicki stated that if the cost was included in the athletic budget instead of Capital Improvements it would be in the Board of Education budget.

Shannon Miscio stated the track should stay in Capital Improvements as everyone in the community uses the track and not just the school.

Marcey Onofrio stated that because of this winters snow on the roofs and the beating they are taking we should include the high school roof repairs in this budget. She remarked that the Board is submitting a very responsible budget and also taking in the consideration of our students and investments in our buildings.

Superintendent Schoonmaker remarked that this budget is very low compared to area towns.

Donald Winnicki mentioned that this is the lowest budget he has ever submitted.

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**MOTION:** Moved by Deborah Prunier and seconded by Shannon Miscio to include the Track Reserve at NBHS for \$30,000 in the 2011-2012 Capital Budget request.

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**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**MOTION:** Moved by Deborah Prunier and seconded by David McMahon to include the large gym roof replacement at NBHS for \$152,000. in the 2011-2012 Capital Budget request.

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**MOTION PASSED 6.0**

**MOTION:** Moved by Deborah Prunier and seconded by Marie Diamond to include the long-hall roof replacement at NBHS for \$273,000. in the 2011-2012 Capital Budget request.

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**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

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**MOTION:** Moved by Deborah Prunier and seconded by Dave McMahon to include the K-5 Reading Consultant position in the 2011-2012 budget requests.

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**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**MOTION:** Moved by David McMahon and seconded by Marie Diamond to adjourn this North Branford Board of Education meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**ALL VOTED AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Ardine  
Account Clerk